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| Applicant(s): Tomovasu Aoshima | | | | | |

Invention: ANISOTROPIC WET ETCHING OF SILICON

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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For: ANISOTROPIC WET ETCHING OF

SILICON

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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| | No. Claims | | Highest | | Extra | | Rate | Additional |
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^{*} not less than 20

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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